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Arizona House of Representatives

Representative Bob Thorpe (R-6)

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Representative Bob Thorpe Introduces Legislation Requiring Public Buildings in Arizona to Use Water-free Urinals

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX - Arizona Representative Bob Thorpe (R-6) has introduced legislation to conserve water through the use of water-free urinals.

[HB 2428](#) would require state buildings to convert to water-free urinals within two years of the effective date of the bill. Cities and counties would be required to install water-free urinals with the construction of new buildings and remodeling of existing buildings.

“As the West continues to endure prolonged droughts, Arizonans, including our agriculture community, are going to be asked to reduce and conserve their water usage,” said Representative Thorpe. **“State and local governments need to be held to the same standard by taking commonsense steps to reduce water consumption throughout government buildings.”**

“It is estimated that a urinal within a commercial setting can use up to 40,000 gallons annually, so by replacing the 13 urinals within the Arizona House of Representatives building for example, we could save 520,000 gallons annually. Not only will the House conserve water, but we will save taxpayer money by reducing our water bills. The government needs to stop flushing taxpayer money down the drain!”

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